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SUBJE T: OAU CM AND SUMMIT: LOS

REF: ADDIS 5982 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH
FACTORS UNDERLYING ADOPTION (REFTEL) BY CM OF OAU EXPERTS LOS
POSITION. DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT.

2. IT APPEARS FROM DOCUMENTS THAT EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATION IN
FAVOR " INNOCENT PASSAGE" WITH REGIME TO BE FURTHER DEFINED
PROBABLY RESULTED INTERPLAY FOLLOWING FACTORS:
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(A) EXPERTS CONSIDERED (AND FONMINS HAVE NOW AGREED) THAT STRAITS REPARIANS ENTITLED EXERCISE SOME CONTROLS OVER TRANSITING VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT, VIEW DANGERS INHERENT NUCLEAR PROPULSION, POSSIBLE NUCLEAR WEAPONS MISHAPS AND LARGE OIL TANKERS (AL LA TORREY CANYON). HOWEVER,

(B) SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES (E. G. ETHIOPIA) TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON PASSAGE STRAITS FOR ACCESS TO HIGH SEAS ESSENTIALLY HAVE " FREE TRANSIT" INTERESTS.

(C) TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS AND GIVEN SIGNIFICANT GROUP OAU POWERS IN FAVOR " INNOCENT PASSAGE" FORMER INSISTER WITH LATTER THAT OBJECTIVE CRITERIA CHARACTERIZING " INNOCENT PASSAGE" BE DEFINED TO PRECLUDE ARBITRARY ACTS OF TRANSIT DENIAL BY STRAITS RIPARIANS.

3. FOREGOING SUGGESTS THAT ANY FAILURE BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AGREE ON SUCH OBJECTIVE CRITERIA COULD SWING CERTAIN NUMBER OF STATES NOW OPTING FOR QUALIFIED INNOCENT PASSAGE BACK TOWARDS " FREE TRANSIT". WYMAN UNQUOTE RUSH

NOTE BY OC/ T: POUCHED TRIPOLI.

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